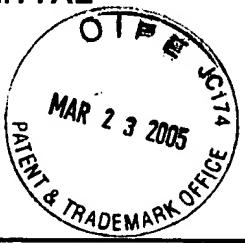


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**REQUEST FOR  
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| Application Number: 09/843,941          | Confirmation Number: 8636 |
| Filing Date: April 30, 2001             |                           |
| First Named Inventor: James F. HEMERICK |                           |
| Group Art Unit: 3731                    |                           |
| Examiner: THALER, MICHAEL H.            |                           |
| Attorney Docket Number: 06530.0278      |                           |
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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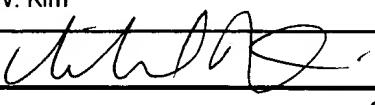
1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: **Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise.** If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, application must request non-entry of such amendment.
  - a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii.  Other: Amendment After Final filed March 4, 2005
  - b.  **DO NOT ENTER** the amendment(s) previously filed on [Date(s)] \_\_\_\_\_. An alternate submission is attached.
  - c.  Enclosed submission:
 

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| ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) | iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                       |
2. Miscellaneous
  - a.  Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
  - b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. Fees
 

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